

Application No. 10/752,403
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This is a continuation of prior application number 09/806,706, filed August 7, 2001, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,357 ~~which is a national phase application derived from PCT/EP99/07438, filed October 5, 1999, which claims priority from German application number 198 45 724.3, filed October 5, 1998, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.~~